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House Democrats Vote Against Stable Funding for Florida Courts

Tallahassee, Fla. – Florida House Majority Leader Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R-Miami) today issued the following statement regarding the House passing comprehensive court reform legislation, including a minimum appropriation for the courts from all revenue sources equal to 2.25 percent of General Revenue.

"I applaud Chair Eisnaugle and the Civil Justice Subcommittee for their hard work on this innovative way to help address the current inefficiencies in our court system, bring greater accountability to the judiciary, and finally provide a long-overdue stable funding mechanism for our courts.

"For years, Democrats have complained that the judicial branch is underfunded and that overcrowded judicial dockets inhibit the efficient administration of justice in our state. Yet today, the entire House Democratic caucus voted to refuse to allow the voters of Florida to even consider a comprehensive court reform proposal that would provide a stable funding mechanism for our court system."

"I was disappointed to see some members of the Democrat caucus debate in support of our efforts to ensure an annual minimum appropriation for the courts, only to then get swept into the politics of their caucus position and vote against giving the voters a chance to weigh in on this good bill."

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